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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
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and Legislature will agree that, if the portraits of the colony of Hongkong are to be presented at the Imperial Institute, it is highly probable that the space allotted to it should not be unoccupied when public attention is so powerfully drawn by the collections as it will be at their official opening to the public by the Queen, and by the Ceremonies connected therewith.

It will be recollected that the Hongkong Court granted great attention at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1884, and that it is probable that the Colony should be also prominently represented in a similar manner at the Institute.

I would venture to suggest that Sir Frederick St. John should be authorised by telegram to make such purchases as those indicated in the accompanying photographs are desired by him (the total cost of the purchases not exceeding £100) and that, if the purchase of the photographs is not made before February, next, he may receive collections of samples of the local industries, with other objects for display therein; and also a sum of money (not exceeding £25) to be devoted to the

the Executive Council of the Institute will provide, to place the collection in order. I may add that I shall be glad to bring before the Governing Body the names of any gentlemen resident in, or connected with, Hong Kong, who may be desirous of becoming Fellows of the Institute. The 20 circulars of Fellowship are shown in a memorandum which, together with a pamphlet descriptive of the Institute, will be forwarded to you by Sir Frederick Abel.

In conclusion, I would only add that the warm interest which I shall always feel in all projects calculated to promote the welfare and increase the reputation of Hong Kong will at once explain and justify my addressing your Excellency on this subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,
C. F. BOWEN,
Representative of Hong Kong
on the Governing Body
of the Imperial
Institute.

To His Excellency the Governor, Hong Kong.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Another large and enthusiastic audience assembled at the Circus last night to witness the performance of the various lions enunciated on an elaborate programme which was, although some doubt as to the probability of it, entirely new. No one that had been witnessed last week being repeated.

Frank, George and John, "the three marvels," opened the ball as clowns and at once put the audience in a good humour. They were followed by Mr. George Harmston with the "Invaluable tick-horse Bangalore," which seems to be possessed of as much intelligence as any ordinary man and a good deal more brains than most people seem to have. "Browlie," the "Shall" for instance, then Matthews and Gilbert created a furore by their pleasant performance with bells and had to "do it again" as per usual. That over, Adeline and Dan Feely went through some of the most marvellous gymnastics ever witnessed in any part of the world, the latter finishing the act with a most sensational slide for life.

To report fully on last night's excellent performance is more than the space at our disposal to-day will admit of, but Mr. L. E. Blondin, who went through the bounding jockey act and jumped on her horse's back from the ground while the animal was galloping at full speed, deserves special mention, as do Dan Feely, who went through most amusing and difficult stunts on stilts, Amelia and Little Johnnie who electrified the audience by their graceful and daring double trapeze performance, George Harmston for his impersonation of the ruined gambler (quite a hit in "busted" Hong Kong), and Will Hayes, who couldn't get a single sailor to stick on the tickle American donkey. "Anly" for two minutes, although the "Jacks" tried hard to "scop" in the ten-dollar bill promised to any one who would ride the sagacious colly three times round the ring.

To-night the programme will be the same, while on Saturday there will be a *matinee* when the exercises of the evening bill of fare will be gone through for the benefit of young Hong Kong, commencing at 3 o'clock.

We are informed that the famous mimic and monologue artist, Mr. Harry Dale, will shortly arrive in Hong Kong in a Shakespearean style; he stands alone, the peer of all. Also, Mr. L. E. Blondin, an equestrian artist who has won fame in continental Europe by his daring acts of equestrianism and is said to have turned the heads of many of the leading lights of London society, who is bringing the handsomest equestrienne in the world.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

LONDON, November 13th.
The steam tug *Secret* which left Lytham on October 25th on a short voyage, carrying three passengers and a crew of six, is believed to have foundered, as the body of one of the passengers has been found off Lundy Isle, in the Bristol Channel.

The *Standard's* Berlin correspondent writes that he hears that neither of the private conferences is under way having for their purpose the revision of the Samoan Treaty.

PARIS, November 13th.
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the King and Queen of Portugal, to-day witnessed from the palace balconies, a grand municipal Columbus cavalcade. The spectacle included a number of historical and allegorical cars. An immense crowd witnessed the display.

The Queen of Portugal, who is anxious to see a bull fight, has promised to attend one especially arranged for Wednesday, arrayed in Spanish national costume.

ROME, November 13th.
Supplementary elections for Members of the Italian Parliament were held to-day. The returns so far received show thirty-eight Ministerialists and only one Opposition candidate elected.

BRUSSELS, November 13th.
The *Official Gazette* announces that on the initiative of France it has been decided to hold prior to the assembling of the international monetary conference a preliminary meeting of the delegates from the countries forming the Latin union.

THE HAGUE, November 13th.
United States Minister Thayer denies the report that he intends to resign.

LONDON, November 14th.
The dispute between England and France arising from an English war ship boarding in the waters of Madagascar a slave show that was flying a French flag is settled. Lord Rosebery, the Foreign Minister, agreed to pay a small indemnity to the owners of the ship and to instruct the commanders of British war ships not to interfere with shows within French territorial waters.

The second week of the great cotton lockout opens with increased prospect of the trouble being long continued. There are 6,000,000 spindles working full time, 250,000 on half time, and 12,000,000 stopped. The Masters' Federation has asked the owners of spindles working full time to begin to shorten the time Thursday. All have assented except the masters at Bolton, who spin Egyptian cotton only. They plead that their hands are full of orders, and their mills must work full time to fill them.

In the little village of Peterwater, Devonshire, yesterday, Dr. Williams, an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Emily Doidge, a farmer's daughter, shot and killed her and his rival William Rowe, as they were returning from church. He then shot himself probably fatally. The correspondent of the *Times* at Ferrol, Spain, asserts the wrecking of the battleship *Houma* was entirely due to the inaccuracy of the Admiralty chart, which was supposed to be correct up to 1875. It was found by soundings to be entirely unreliable.

A dispatch from Kinsale, Ireland, announces that the British corvette *Calybe* has been sighted under sail. The *Calybe*, which belongs to the training squadron, was reported a few days ago as having broken her shaft while en route to Madeira.

The *Standard's* Paris correspondent reports the death of Count Ducas, Councilor of State under the empire, at Collin.

It is reported that the Government has decided to send Captain Legard as British commissioner to Uganda.

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The parliamentary session will be dissolving. The Ministry to all probability will be overthrown to-morrow or the day after on the question of the library of the press, for it does not wish to take the responsibility of the prosecutions called for in the Panama canal affair. The excitement in political and newspaper world is very great.

By a vote of 318 to 211 the Chamber of Deputies to-day abolished the wine-growers' privilege of manufacturing alcohol from a portion of their crop duty free.

Louise, the Socialist who was liberated after serving one year of six years' sentence for rioting, at Fourmies, was elected Councilor at Roubaix, beating the Conservative candidate by a vote of 2923 to 1700.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 18th.
A Royal Commission will shortly be appointed to consider the modification of the Poor Laws in favour of the aged and those powerless to work. The death is announced of General Dyett Abbot.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company has declared a dividend of five per cent. on their preferred stock and ten per cent. on the deferred stock.

PARIS, November 18th.
A debate lasting three days has taken place in the Chamber of Deputies on the Bill for sharpening the Press Laws, which Government introduced for the purpose of stopping the press publishing articles which are an incitement to dynamism. The overthrow of the Cabinet on the bill was regarded as certain at the outset, but M. Loubet's firmness eventually triumphed and the bill was read a second time by a majority of one hundred and one.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 10th.
Count Tolstol predicts another Russian famine in the coming winter.

LONDON, November 10th.
Holmes, late signalman, who caused the accident at Thirsk has been committed for manslaughter. The jury, however, held that the directors were answerable, owing to the long hours the man was kept on night duty.

November 20th.
The committee of the Indian Currency Commission met yesterday and examined Messrs. Fowler, Holman, Schmidt and others, and afterwards adjourned.

The death is announced of General William Banky.

November 21st.
Summonses against the Directors of the Panama Canal Company were served yesterday. Baron Reinach, one of the defendants in the case, died yesterday of apoplexy.

After 1st February import duties on wine, oil and tobacco will be imposed at Zanibar. The duty is announced of the Very Revd. Marham Argles, Dean of Peterborough.

PARIS, November 21st.
Notwithstanding M. Loubet's recent victory the Chamber have voted an amendment to the Press Law which vilifies the measure and renders the Government nearly as powerless as they were before.

LONDON, November 22nd.
The *Gelewar* of Baroda paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor yesterday, and was received with military honors. Her Majesty granted the Maharajah a private audience, and decorated her with the order of the Crown of India.

It is announced that the Channel Squadron will not pay its accustomed visit to the Tagus this year, as owing to the anti-English feeling some hostile demonstration would be made.

A tremendous scene was created in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on M. Delbays, Bonapartist deputy, affirming in a long speech that the Panama Canal Company had spent millions in bribing Ministers, Deputies, Bankers, and Newspapers. He related, however, from mentioning names, but said that one hundred and fifty Deputies were implicated. M. Delbays demanded an enquiry into the matter which was unanimously voted.

The *Turkistan Gazette* asserts that envoys from the Khan of Kandahar recently arrived at Turkistan to beg material support against the British, and that General Vreysky, the Governor, refused absolutely to lend his support. Any disturbance, he said, of the relations between Russia and Great Britain, which together ruled half the globe, would entail frightful calamities on many millions.

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His Lordship, in reply, promised to forward the memorial to the Government, and said the matter was a question of finance. He completely agreed with the speaker as to the extreme importance of encouraging Female Education in India.

Although negotiations between England and Russia regarding the Pamirs are proceeding favourably, a statement made at St. Petersburg that a settlement of the question is speedily expected, is incorrect.

ROMA, November 23rd.
King Humbert, in his speech at the opening of the Italian Parliament, said he continued to enjoy friendly relations with all the Powers. His Majesty then said that the Triple Alliance confuses its vigilance care to prevent any dimensions in Europe. As regards the financial equilibrium in Italy, his Majesty said it would be attained without any increase in taxation.

PARIS, November 23rd.
M. Ferdinand de Lesseps is so weakened by age that he will not be able to appear at the forthcoming trial of the directors of the Panama Canal Company, of which he is at present ignorant.

LONDON, November 24th.
The British Government have resolved not to interfere in the extension of Uganda by the British East Africa Company on the 1st of March, but to immediately despatch an Imperial Commissioner there, with a sufficient native escort, to report on the situation and the best means of dealing with the country.

The Lord Mayor yesterday opened a Tribunal of Arbitration formed by the London Chamber of Commerce and the Corporation for settling commercial disputes upon a definite system of procedure.

The Masters' Federation announces that eighty-nine of its members belonging to the members of the Federation are now either stopped or working half time.

BOMBAY, November 24th.
The charges against Harry Stafford Davis of cheating and forgery came before Mr. Justice Farran and a special jury to-day. Twelve jurors were challenged before the composition was agreed upon, when seven Europeans and two natives were selected. The prosecution elected to proceed upon the charges of cheating, and if they failed to prove these they would take up forgery. Mr. Inverarity opened the evidence, Mr. Justice made a spirited defence, but the jury after six minutes' absence, returned a verdict of guilty on both counts. The third count of a recommendation of mercy on account of youth and the influence of others. The Judge said he failed to see why they made the recommendation, but it being made he would take it into consideration. The sentence would be two years' imprisonment on each count, the second term to follow the first.

LONDON, November 25th.
The French have annexed the islands of St. Paul and New Amsterdam as a set off against the annexation of Aldabra by the British.

Mr. J. M. Mackay yesterday addressed the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, in the course of which he advocated a Gold Standard for India. The proceedings of the Brussels Conference are expected to be slow, and it is not believed that any delegate possesses full powers, but that the great majority, including the British delegates are instructed to hear all sides and report to their respective Governments.

THE EVOLUTION OF "FANKE-COW."

Under the above heading "F. H. C." writes on the 24th ult. from Wenhien to the *N. C. Daily News* as follows:—

The absurd combination "Yankow-cow" is nothing more than the English mariner's attempt to pronounce Yangkiu-kou, the name of a native export on the northern coast of Shantung. This obscure port lies at the mouth of the Siao-ching Ho, about 80 H.S. E. of the present mouth of the Yellow River. Within the past 20 years our Chefoo (Taotai) has given quite an impetus to the navigation between that port and Chefoo. About the time a track of the Yellow River left the junk port Tienchuan high and dry, thus turning the business of that place toward Yangkiu-kou. Subsequently the Taotai undertook to dig a canal or river called Shin-Ho to connect Peking lake with the sea. That lake has heretofore found an outlet through the Siao-ching Ho, whose waters now flow by the New River (Shin Ho) into the Gulf of Pechili, a natural inlet known by the unsavoury name of Muchukow, which is by interpretation "Sow Hollow."

As this inlet lies south of Yangkiu-kou about two miles, that ancient port has been dismantled, and rebuilt with greater display and larger prospects on the south bank of the inlet, and rejoices in the afore-mentioned appellation Muchukow (pronounced "Moogewoo"). But, alas, even as "Yankai" has been lately called "Chefoo," so now our new and flourishing port "Sow Hollow" (Muchukow) is erroneously styled "Yankow-cow" ("Ram's-horn: Hollow"), and worse than all, in the lingo of the Westerners, becomes "Yankow-cow."

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